



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1733**

**PATENT**  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7040.0023.01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Renato CARETTA et al. )  
Application Serial No. 09/840,095 ) Group Art Unit: 1733  
Filed: April 24, 2001 ) Examiner: Knable, G.  
For: A METHOD FOR MAKING )  
TIRES FOR VEHICLE WHEELS )

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action ("Office Action") mailed November 19, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed with this Amendment After Final ("Amendment"), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 32 of this paper.